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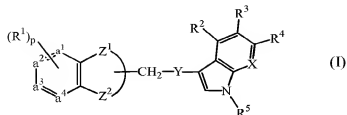
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 37 CFR § 1.116

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended) A compound according to Formula (I)



a pharmaceutically acceptable acid or base addition salt thereof, a stereochemically isomeric form thereof, an N-oxide form thereof or a quaternary ammonium salt thereof, wherein

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$-\text{CH}=\text{CH}-\text{N}=\text{CH}-$  (a-3) or

$-\text{CH}=\text{CH}-\text{CH}=\text{N}-$  (a-4);

$-Z^1-Z^2-$  is a bivalent radical of formula

$-\text{O}-\text{CH}_2-\text{O}-$  (b-1),

$-\text{O}-\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}_2-\text{O}-$  (b-2),

$-\text{NR}^7-\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}_2-\text{O}-$  (b-3);

wherein  $\text{R}^7$  is hydrogen, hydroxy, alkyl, alkyloxyalkyl or alkylcarbonyl;

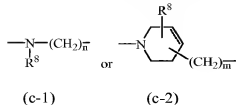
X is  $\text{CR}^6$ ;

each  $\text{R}^1$ ,  $\text{R}^2$ ,  $\text{R}^3$ ,  $\text{R}^4$  and  $\text{R}^6$  is independently hydrogen, halo, cyano, nitro, hydroxy,

p is an integer equal to 0, 1, 2 or 3;

$\text{R}^5$  is hydrogen or alkyl;

Y is a bivalent radical of formula



wherein

m is an integer equal to 0 or 1;

n is an integer equal to 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6;

the dotted line represents an optional double bond ;

R<sup>8</sup> is hydrogen; and

alkyl represents a straight or branched saturated hydrocarbon radical having from 1 to 6 carbon atoms or a cyclic saturated hydrocarbon radical having from 3 to 6 carbon atoms; said hydrocarbon radical being optionally substituted with at least one phenyl, halo, cyano, oxo, hydroxy, formyl or amino radical;

~~alkenyl~~ represents a straight or branched unsaturated hydrocarbon radical having from ~~1 to 6 carbon atoms or a cyclic unsaturated hydrocarbon radical having from 3 to 6 carbon atoms~~; said hydrocarbon radical having at least one double bond and said hydrocarbon radical being optionally substituted with at least one phenyl, halo, cyano, oxo, hydroxy, formyl or amino radical;

aryl represents phenyl or naphthyl, optionally substituted with at least one radical that is alkyl, halo, cyano, oxo, hydroxy, alkoxy or amino ; and

heteroaryl is a monocyclic heterocycle heterocyclic radical that is azetidiny, pyrrolidinyl, dioxolyl, imidazolidinyl, pyrazolidinyl, piperidinyl, homopiperidinyl, dioxyl, morpholinyl, dithianyl, thiomorpholinyl, piperazinyl, imidazolidinyl, tetrahydrofuranlyl, 2H-pyrrolyl, pyrrolinyl, imidazoliny, pyrazolinyl, pyrrolyl, imidazolyl, pyrazolyl, triazolyl, furanyl, thienyl, oxazolyl, isoxazolyl, thiazolyl, thiadiazolyl, isothiazolyl, pyridinyl, pyrimidinyl, pyrazinyl, pyridazinyl or triazinyl ; each radical optionally substituted with at least one radical that is alkyl, aryl, arylalkyl, halo, cyano, oxo, hydroxy, alkoxy or amino;

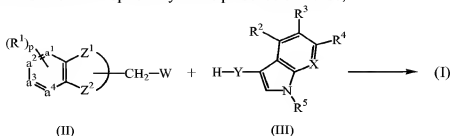
with the proviso that compounds wherein simultaneously -a<sup>1</sup>=a<sup>2</sup>-a<sup>3</sup>=a<sup>4</sup>- is (a-4),

-Z<sup>1</sup>—Z<sup>2</sup>- is (b-2) and Y is (c-2) are excluded.

2. (Canceled)
3. (Previously Presented) The compound according to claim 1, wherein R<sup>7</sup> is hydrogen or methyl.
4. (Currently Amended) The compound according to claim 1, wherein Y is a bivalent radical of formula (c-1) wherein n = 3 and R<sup>8</sup> is hydrogen or of formula (c-2) wherein m = 0 or 1 and R<sup>8</sup> is hydrogen.

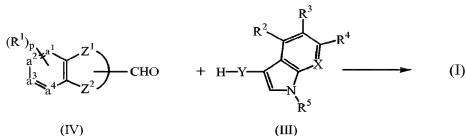
5. (Previously Presented) The compound according to claim 1, wherein X is CR<sup>6</sup>; R<sup>2</sup>, R<sup>3</sup>, R<sup>4</sup> and R<sup>6</sup> are each independently hydrogen, halo, cyano, nitro or hydroxy; and R<sup>5</sup> is hydrogen.
6. (Currently Amended) The compound according to claim 1, wherein R<sup>7</sup> is hydrogen or methyl; Y is a bivalent radical of formula (c-1) wherein n = 3 and R<sup>8</sup> is hydrogen or (c-2) wherein R<sup>8</sup> is hydrogen; and R<sup>5</sup> is hydrogen.
7. (Canceled)
8. (Previously Presented) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier or diluent and, as active ingredient, a therapeutically effective amount of a compound according to claim 1.
9. (Withdrawn) A method for the prevention and/or treatment in a mammal of a disorder or disease responsive to the inhibition of dopamine D<sub>2</sub>, D<sub>3</sub> and/or D<sub>4</sub>-receptors, comprising administering to the mammal a therapeutically effective amount of a compound according to claim 1.
10. (Withdrawn) A method for the prevention and/or treatment in a mammal of a disorder or disease responsive to the inhibition of serotonin reuptake and antagonism of 5-HT<sub>1A</sub> receptors, comprising administering to the mammal a therapeutically effective amount of a compound according to claim 1.
11. (Withdrawn) A method for the prevention and/or treatment in a mammal of a disorder or disease responsive to the combined effect of a dopamine D<sub>2</sub>, D<sub>3</sub> and/or D<sub>4</sub> antagonist, a selective serotonin reuptake inhibitor (SSRI) and a 5-HT<sub>1A</sub>-agonist, partial agonist or antagonist, comprising administering to the mammal a therapeutically effective amount of a compound according to claim 1.
12. (Withdrawn) A method for the prevention and/or treatment in a mammal of general anxiety disorder, panic disorder, obsessive compulsive disorder, depression, social phobia, eating disorders, psychosis or neurological disorders, comprising administering to the mammal a therapeutically effective amount of a compound according to claim 1.

13. (Withdrawn) A method for the prevention and/or treatment of schizophrenia in a mammal, comprising administering to the mammal a therapeutically effective amount of a compound according to claim 1.
14. (Withdrawn/Currently Amended) A process for the preparation of a compound according to Formula (I) comprising  
 --alkylating a compound of Formula (II) with a compound of Formula (III), in a reaction-inert solvent and optionally in the presence of a base;

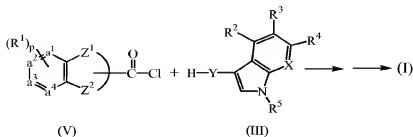


wherein W is a leaving group; or

--reductively aminating a compound of Formula (IV) with a compound of Formula (III) in a reaction-inert solvent and in the presence of a reducing agent; or



--reacting an acid chloride of Formula (V) with a compound of Formula (III) in a reaction-inert solvent and in the presence of a suitable base, and reducing the amide in a reaction-inert solvent in the presence of a reducing agent;



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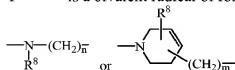
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(c-1)

(c-2)

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15. (Withdrawn) The process of claim 14, further comprising converting the compound of Formula (I) into a therapeutically active, non-toxic acid addition salt by treatment with an acid.

16. (Withdrawn) The process of claim 15, further comprising converting the acid addition salt into a free base by treatment with alkali.

17. (Withdrawn) The process of claim 16, further comprising converting the compound of Formula (I) into a stereochemically isomeric form, a N-oxide, or a quaternary ammonium salt.

18. (Withdrawn) The process of claim 14, further comprising converting the compound of Formula (I) into a therapeutically active, non-toxic base addition salt by treatment with a base.

19. (Withdrawn) The process of claim 18, further comprising converting the base addition salt into a free acid by treatment with an acid.